

14.(Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the crystalline molecular sieve present in the layer comprises non-contiguous molecular sieve crystals.

15.(Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the crystalline molecular sieve present in the layer comprises contiguous molecular sieve crystals.

16.(Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the crystalline molecular sieve present in the layer comprises contiguous molecular sieve crystals arranged as a membrane.

17.(Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the impregnation is undertaken for a period of 20 minutes or greater.

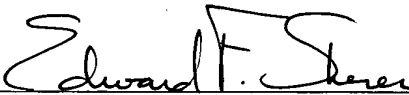
18.(Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the porous support is partially impregnated, the impregnated support has molecular sieve seeds deposited thereon and the crystalline molecular sieve is derived from a synthesis solution which comprises colloidal silica.

### Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits the amended claims to correct multiple dependent claims for better U. S. Practice and examination and also to reduce fees. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the application are in condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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